

U.S. INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS E-NEWSLETTER

IN THE CITIES AND COUNTIES: SUMMIT IN RIVERSIDE, CA BRINGS TOGETHER FAITH AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO DISCUSS "1,001 ALTERNATIVES TO BEING HOMELESS"



RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA. The City of Riverside in partnership with the Riverside Homeless Care Network held a Faith Based and Community Organization Summit on Homelessness on Saturday. This one day educational summit, held at California Baptist University in Riverside, brought together members of the faith based community, service organizations, local business and neighborhood groups for a series of presentations and workshops on the different profiles of homelessness,

and on innovative strategies to end homelessness including best practices in prevention, outreach, service coordination, and rapid rehousing. Also discussed were capacity building for faith based organizations and the community's upcoming December 8 participation in National Project Homeless Connect Week.

Participants were welcomed by Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge, Councilman Dom Betro, University Associate Vice President Cynthia Wright and United States Interagency Council on Homelessness Regional Coordinator Ed Cabrera, who has been working with Riverside city and county officials to develop a 10 year plan to end homelessness. Later, Mr. Cabrera joined Riverside Homeless Services Coordinator Don Smith and Carrie Harmon from the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services in presenting information on National Project Homeless Connect Week during a workshop discussion on Best Practice Models to End Homelessness. Among the other best practice model programs cited by presenters during the workshop were Beyond Shelter's Housing First Model, Pasadena's Faith-based Homeless Prevention Program, the Orange County Rescue Mission Mobile Outreach services, and faith-based capacity building efforts by the Interfaith Community Services.

Interfaith Community Services Executive Director Suzanne Stewart Pohlman gave the keynote address. Other elected officials at the event included Councilmembers Art Gage, Andy Melendrez, and Nancy Hart.

Pictured here at the Summit , l-r, are Councilman Dom Betro, Councilwoman Nancy Hart, Mayor Ron Loveridge, California Baptist University Associate Vice President Cynthia Wright, and Council Regional Coordinator Ed Cabrera.